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Governor Baker Nominates Jennie L. Caissie of Oxford as Clerk Magistrate of the Dudley District Court

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Attorney Jennie L. Caissie of Oxford as Clerk Magistrate of the Dudley District Court. Attorney Caissie has over 20 years of legal experience in the public and private sectors. Attorney Caissie has represented the 7th District on the Governor’s Council since 2010.

“Attorney Caissie’s public service experience and career in criminal and civil law will bring sound legal insights to the Dudley District Court,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “I am pleased to submit this qualified nominee to Governor’s Council for their advice and consent.”

“Attorney Caissie’s breadth of knowledge as an attorney in the public and private sectors and understanding of judicial responsibility qualify her for this position,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. “I am confident that, if confirmed, Attorney Caissie will treat all parties before her with fairness and integrity.”

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties; all misdemeanors; and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, visit their [homepage](#).

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a

non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April 2015.

About Jennie L. Caissie:

Attorney Jennie L. Caissie has been an attorney in the Law Office of Michael V. Caplette in Southbridge since 1998, handling a diverse range of criminal and civil cases from initial filing through trial. Throughout her career, Attorney Caissie has held multiple public positions including Special Prosecutor of the Middle District in Worcester County since 2004; Governor's Councillor representing the 7th District since 2010; and Selectwoman in the Town of Oxford from 1997-2000 and 2003-2013. From 2002 to 2006 she served as a trustee at Worcester State University. Currently, Attorney Caissie is a corporator at Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, and a trustee at Nichols College, where she earned her MBA in 2000. Attorney Caissie earned her B.A. magna cum laude from Assumption College in 1995 and her J.D. from New England School of Law in 1998. She is a member of the Massachusetts, U.S. District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court Bars.

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